Wiki Assignment #1

**Action Research** is a way in which a researcher can focus in on a problem and create a means to counteract or help solve the problem in an academic setting. By analyzing and collecting data the researcher can create a resolution for an issue in education.

* **Defining the problem- discuss the need for intervention.**

While observing several schools I have noticed the lack of programs that make reading enjoyable. Reading has become a laboring task. Students are less inclined to read, reading does not provide them with the instant gratification that they receive through video games and the internet. If parents can volunteer their time before or after school to read with children, it will motivate students to read for pleasure. By creating book clubs both parents and children will read books of their interest.

* **Prior Research?**

Expanding the day for students is important. Having more time in an academic setting helps students focus and helps reinforce the importance of education. Reading to children will also help students read subjects that are not included in the school’s curriculum.

After-School Sessions Expanding the Reach Of Summer Program. By: Manzo, Kathleen Kennedy, Education Week, 02774232, 10/15/2008, Vol. 28, Issue 8

Early Childhood Education Journal; Aug2011, Vol. 39 Issue 3, p223-233, 11p, 1 Chart

Reading Teacher; Nov99, Vol. 53 Issue 3, p246, 3p

* **Pros and Cons:**

Pros of having parents involved in school, helps to reinforce students the importance of education and reading. This will also help parents observe how their children read in a public setting. Increasing the time that students have reading will increase their reading level and prepare them for the following grades. A con that I saw reflected in Brower’s article was the lack of parent involvement in high- minority and high-poverty schools. The school that I will be working with is high-minority and, low and middle-income families. Through this article I observed that there will be several challenges in having parents become involved at school. Some parents will not have the opportunity to become involved due to work schedules and

Educational Review; Nov2000, Vol. 52 Issue 3, p259-267, 9p, 1 Chart

Professional School Counseling; Dec2011, Vol. 15 Issue 2, p77-87,

* **Current Instruction Strategies?**

Creating a school- family- community, will help students that are minorities and low-income. Having parents more involved in their children’s schools will help create a community setting. Parents will interact more with teachers and their children’s peers.

School-Family-Community Partnerships: Applying Epstein's Theory of the Six Types of Involvement to School Counselor Practice. By: Griffin, Dana, Steen, Sam, Professional School Counseling, 10962409, Apr2010, Vol. 13, Issue 4

International Journal of Academic Research in Business & Social Sciences; Jan2012, Vol. 2 Issue 1, p196-201, 6p

* **What is the proposed intervention?**

A way in which a school can counteract this lack of reading is by asking parents to volunteer their time to read to children before or after school. Groups can be assigned by reading levels or through reading interests.

* **How will you define (construct) measure your intervention?**

This intervention will help students increase their reading levels. It can be assessed through the improvement in school exams, both math and reading. Since, math exams incorporate several reading components, teachers can evaluate any fluctuations.